SEC. 13. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1885.

## CHAPTER 167.

An act to authorize and empower the commissioners of the counties of New Hanover and Pender to establish and maintain a free ferry across Northeast branch of Cape Fear river.

Section 1. That the commissioners of New Hanover

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Commissioners of New Hanover and Pender may establish free ferry across Northeast branch Cape Fear river.

Location.

and Pender counties are hereby authorized and fully empowered, whenever they may deem it for the best interests of the citizens of said counties, to establish and maintain a free ferry between said counties, at some eligible point on the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, between where the Wilmington and Weldon railroad crosses said river and the mouth of Lillington river or Long creek, or at some suitable place above said railroad bridge.

Duty to provide and maintain flats, terryman, &c. SEC. 2. That when said ferry shall be established, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of said counties to provide and maintain a suitable flat, a competent ferryman and all necessary conveniences for the accommodation and safe transportation of the traveling public across said ferry.

Free; unlawful to receive compensation.

SEC. 3. That said ferry shall be free, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to receive compensation for the transportation over said ferry of any person, horse, cattle, vehicle or live stock of any kind.